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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

LAOS REPORTEDLY CLOSED ONLY OFFICIAL BORDER CROSSING POINT
TO THAILAND MON AFTER ACCUSING RTG OF AIDING RT-WING
LAOTIAN REBELS BATTLING PL FORCES ON 2 LAOTIAN ISLANDS IN
MEKONG (CHITRIB). OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY FEARED FIGHTING
BETW RIGHTIST REBELS /GOVT TROOPS MIGHT SPILL OVER TO THAI
SIDE OF RIVER AND THAILAND WOULD RETALIATE. RTG PROV
OFFICIAL SAID PL HAD DRIVEN REBELS FROM 1 SMALL ISLAND,
BUT REBELS HAD SEIZED NEARBY ISLAND; SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS
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VISIT AREA TO SURVEY SITUATION (WP).

PEAGAM (NYT) REPORTS PL FORCES REOCCUPY 1 ISLAND AFTER GUN
BATTLE; BELIEVED REBELS FLED TO THAILAND, THO POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION W/RTG SO FAR AVOIDED. ADDS RECENT
STRICT SECURITY MEASURES AT VIENTIANE POSSIBLY PARTLY DUE
TO RECENT RUMORS THAT ANTI-GOVT REBELS MIGHT LAUNCH
OFFENSIVE OVER NEW YR HOLIDAY THAT BEGINS WEDS.

LORENZ (JOC) REPORTS RUMORS HI-LEVEL ARRESTS/COUPS/ROYALIST

INTRIGUE EMANATE FROM VIENTIANE. SAYS SUSPENSION AIR

TRANSPORT W/BANGKOK HITS FRANK MANLEY, LAST US BUSINESSMAN IN LAOS; MANLEY DECRIES US DIPLOMATS--WHO "DON'T THINK IN COMMERCIAL TERMS"--FOR ALLEGED LOSS POTENTIAL BUSINESS TO JAPANESE FROM RECENT SWEDISH AID GRANT. MANLEY, WHO RESIDES BANGKOK BUT TRAVELS TO LAOS, LIKE OTHER AMCITS IS WAITING FOR USG LIFT TRADE EMBARGO W/VN.

MCARTHUR (LAT 4/10) NOTES HANOI HASN'T REVEALED HOW MANY SVIETS IN "RE-EDUCATION" CAMPS BUT GIVES HINTS IN RECENT RADIO BROADCASTS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES THAT EVIDENTLY IN RESPONSE TO PRES CARTER'S HUMAN RTS POLICIES/ QUESTIONS BEING RAISED BY ONETIME ANTIWAR MILITANTS. SAYS STRONGEST HINT INDICATES MINIMUM FIGURE OF ABOUT 110,000, WHILE MOST W NEWSMEN ACCEPT 200,000 FIGURE. ADDS REFUGEES CONSIDER ESTIMATE "RIDICULOUSLY LOW."

AFSC'S MEACHAM WILL SPEAK ON LIFE IN VN WEDS AT JOHNS HOPKINS. SPEAKER WAS W/6-PERSON AFSC DELEGATION THAT VISITED VN 18 DAYS IN JAN (SUN).

SELF-STYLED KING OF ALBANIA LEAVES BANGKOK FOR AMMAN AFTER RTG DROPS CHARGES POSSESSION ILLEGAL WEAPONS (REUTER BANGKOK).

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2. ANP

ADDRESSING OPENING IPU SESSION MONDAY, PM FRASER CALLED FOR WORLD-WIDE EFFORT ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT ARMS LIMITATION; EXPRESSED HOPE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING RECENT VANCE VISIT TO SOVIET DO NOT DETER EITHER SIDE CONTINUING NEGOTS (REUTER CANBERRA 4/11).

UPI (CANBERRA) REPORTS FRASER ALSO TOLD IPU AUSTRALIA STRONGLY OPPOSES ALL FORMS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING SPORTS; EXPRESSED REGRET SOME STILL ARGUE SPORT/POLITICS HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP, FAIL UNDERSTAND "ON THIS ISSUE WE ARE IN 1977 AND GOING TOWARDS 2,000."

3. JAPAN

BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM TOKYO 4/8, US TRADE REP STRAUSS DESCRIBED AS "EXAGGERATED" LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT JAPAN HAD AGREED RESTRICT VOLUNTARILY TV EXPORTS TO US. EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE NEGOTS WIUL PRODUCE "REASONABLE AND FAIR" AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO US/JAPAN "INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS" (LAT'S JAMESON, 4/9).

"YOMIURI SHIMBUN" 4/11 REPORTED BOEING CORP MADE SOME

370,000 DOLS IN SECRET PAYMENTS TO ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS

AS PART FIERCE COMPETITION AMONG US AIRCRAFT MAKERS TRYING SELL PLANES IN JAPAN. REPORT BASED ON TOKYO NATL TAX BUREAU DEMAND FOR NIPPON PAY BACK TAXES ON UNREPORTED INCOME ALLEGEDLY TOTALING NEARLY 1.4 MIL DOLS (SUN'S SEIDEN).

BANK OF JAPAN BUYS ABOUT 70 MIL US DOLS ON TOKYO FOREX MART 4/12 IN ORDER BOLSTER DOLLAR AGAINST RISING YEN. DEALERS ATTRIBUTED DOLLAR DECLINE TO SELLING BY FOM BANKS WANTING YEN FOR SEA CENTERS, JAPANESE BANKS/TRADING UNCLASSIFIED

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COS ANTICIPATING FURTHER YEN APPRECIATION (REUTER TOKYO; REUTER, NYT; JOC).

RETURNING FROM TOKYO WEEKEND, CALIF GOV BROWN MONDAY SAID HE FOUND KEEN INTEREST IN JAPANESE AUTO FIRMS LOCATING PLANTS IN CALIF, BUT HAD WON NO DIRECT PROMISES FR8M JAPAN'S BIG 3 AUTO MFRS (REUTER LA 4/11).

LAT'S JAMESON INTERVIEWED BROWN IN TOKYO 4/10, DURING WHICH GOV SAID HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT CONCESSIONS, INCL TAX PREFERENCES, THAT MIGHT HELP PERSUADE JAPANESE CAR MFRS BUILD CALIF PLANTS. BROWN ALSO MET W/SONY CHRMN, WHO SAID CORP PLANS INCREASE PRODUCTION IN SAN DIEGO PLANT BY MUCH AS ONE-THIRD.

HONDA ANNOUNCES MARCH SALES PUSHED VW FROM 3RD PLACE IN CAR EXPORTS TO US. TOYOTA/DATSUN/HONDA RESPECTIVELY NOW HOLD TOP 3 PLACES IN US CAR-IMPORT MARKET (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE FINANCIAL DAILY REPORTS HONDA HAS DECIDED BUILD US MOTORCYCLE PLANT. FIRM SEARCHING FOR SITE ON W COAST/MIDWEST, PLANS BEGIN PLANT CONSTRUCTION THIS YR. NO COMMENT FROM HONDA OFFICIALS (WSJ).

MITI ADVISORY GROUP PREDICTS JAPAN'S OIL IMPORTS WILL INCREASE 4.7 PCT ANNUALLY, REACHING OVER 2 BIL BBL IN 1981 (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN'S FAIR TRADE COMMISSIONS APPROVES PRODUCTION-CUTBACK CARTEL BY 100 SPINNERS REPRESENTING 85 PCT MARKET UNTIL 6/20. SPINNERS TO CUT PRODUCTION 25 PCT FROM DEC LEVEL/SOME EMPLOYEES PUT ON HOLIDAY. CHRMN JAPAN SPINNERS ASSN SAYS GOJ SHOULD BE URGED SEEK VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRICTION FROM NEIGHBORING ASIAN TEXTILE EXPORTERS (WSJ). UNCLASSIFIED

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4. CHINA

REUTER (WASHINGTON) CITES VANCE/HUANG 45-MINUTE MEETING MONDAY; SAYS DOS GAVE NO DETAILS/CHINESE REFUSE COMMENT-- BUT BRIEFING INDICATION US DESIRE IMPROVE RELS WITH PRC. REPORT NOTES MEETING ON VANCE SCHEDULE--BECAUSE HUANG "CAME IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR" ACCORD TO DOS SPOKESMAN-- WHILE SECSTATE MEETING WITH SOV AMB LAST WK UNANNOUNCED; DOBRYNIN ENTERED DOS VIA PARKING GARAGE.

US CODEL LEADERS TUES DESCRIBED TALKS WITH PRC LEADERS AS "FRANK, DIRECT AND SPIRITED," DECLINED COMMENT ON CON- TENTS (SAID NOT APPROPRIATE BEFORE BRIEFING PRES); BUT AGREED TAIWAN AND NORMALIZATION US-PRC RELS COVERED. GROUP HAD 2-HR TALKS WITH SENIOR VP LI HSIEN-NIEN, TALKED/ LUNCHEDED WITH FORMIN HUANG HUA.

BRADMAS SAID DIDN'T THINK US PUB OPINION "WOULD TOLERATE US WALKING AWAY FROM TAIWAN." PRES'S SON, ACCORDING SCHWEIKER, PLAYED "VERY RESPONSIBLE PART." CODEL TO VISIT ARMY UNIT NEAR TIENTSIN/HANGCHOW BEFORE RETURNING US THIS WEEKEND. CHIP CARTER WILL CELEBRATE 27TH BIRTH- DAY WITH USLO PARTY, WHICH CODEL HOST, HAO TEH-CHING OF CPIFA, EXPECTED ATTEND (REUTER PEKING).

CHINESE GUIDES ACCOMPANYING BRIT OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER MARGARET THATCHER GAVE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF POL FACTIONALISM IN HANGCHOW. OFFICIALS SAID FUED DATED BACK TO '72 WITH WORST FLARE-UP LATE '74/EARLY '75. STRIFE BLAMED ON "GANG OF FOUR" AND CHIEF RADICAL "AGENT" WEN SHEN-HO. CITY SUFFERED PRODUCTION LOSSES/FACTORY BREAKDOWNS, SOME PEOPLE KILLED, BUT PLA SAVED SITUATION. ARMY REFUSED HAND DIVIDED MILITIA AMMUNITION. WENCHOW ALSO SUFFERED FROM RADICAL/MODERATE POWER STRUGGLE.

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MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT QUOTED AS SAYING HANGCHOW CADRES STILL NERVOUS/DEFENSIVE. REPORTERS NOT PERMITTED VISIT "EXHIBITION EVIDENCE CRIMES OF 'GANG OF FOUR'"; CADRES REFUSED SAY HOW MANY INFLUENCES BY GANG. PROBLEMS COMBINING PUNISHMENT/RESTORATION AUTHORITY WITH NECESSARY RECONCILIATION WORKERS STILL UNSOLVED IN CITY, SAYS DAVID ROGERS. WP/SUN CARRY ROGERS' (REUTER) REPORT FROM HANGCHOW.

5. MACAU

LAT TRAVEL SECTION (4/10) CARRIES JERRY HULSE FEATURE ON MACAO, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS "EUROPEAN-ORIENTAL CITY THAT

RISES LIKE A TRANSPLANT FROM THE SUNNY MEDITERRANEAN."

6. INDONESIA

EA'S HOLBROOKE ARRIVED JAKARTA TUES TO DISCUSS BILATERAL PROBLEMS, INCL E TIMOR. CODEL ARRIVED SAME PLANE TO LOOK INTO USE US MIL EQUIPMENT BY GOI ARMED FORCES FOLLOWING RECENT ALLEGATIONS RE ATROCITIES DURING E TIMOR CIVIL WAR (REUTER JAKARTA).

HOWARD (JOC), IN 2ND OF 5 ARTICLES, DESCRIBES LEGAL BATTLES THAT RAGE OVER CHARTERS OF 20 TANKERS BY PERTAMINA. LIPSKY/PURA (WSJ) TELL OF 700-MILLION-DOL LNG PLANT 475 MI NE JAKARTA EXPECTED BE STEADY SOURCE INCOME FOR NATION.

7. KOREA

EA'S HOLBROOKE, AT SEOUL, CALLED US RELS WITH SK "VERY GOOD," SAID HUMAN RTS NOT DISCUSSED IN TALKS W/FONMIN PARK TONG JIN (WP). DURING HOLBROOKE/CODEL VISIT, OPPOSITION LEADER LEE CHUL SEUNG APPEALED FOR US RECONSIDER PLAN WITHDRAWING TROOPS. ADDED N ASIA POWER ALIGNMENT REQUIRES UNCLASSIFIED

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BALANCE BETW US/JAPAN/SK ON 1 HAND, USSR/PRC/NK ON OTHER (CHITRIB). US-SK TROOP WITHDRAWAL TALKS EXPECTED BEGIN IN MID-YR, ACCORDING SENIOR DOS OFFICIAL (REUTER SEOUL).

SEOUL LEGISLATOR/PUBLISHER CHANG KEY-YOUNG DIES OF STROKE AT 61 (AP, WP; NYT SPEC).

NYC TAX BOARD CLAIMS ACTIVITIES REV MOON'S CHURCH NOT EXCLUSIVELY RELIGIOUS, REJECTS APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION ON PROPERTY. BOARD MAJORITY FOUND CHURCH "THREADED" W/POL MOTIVES/ACTIVITIES, DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF KOREAN REUNIFICATION UNDER NON-COMMUNIST AUSPICES; ALSO CONCLUDED MOON/FOLLOWERS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED NIXON'S EFFORTS REMAIN IN WH/WERE BEHIND MANY PROGRAMS THAT WOULD BENEFIT ROKG (AP WP, SUN).

IN SFO CASE, REUNIFICATION CHURCH LAWYERS WIN AT LEAST TEMPORARY FREEDOM FROM PARENTS' CUSTODY FOR 5 MOON FOLLOWERS (AP WP, SUN; LEDBETTER, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

GWERTZMAN (NYT) SAYS US SEEMS STRESS CONTACTS W/PRC. NOTES SECSTATE 4/11 BRIEFED PRCLO HEAD HUANG CHEN ON SOV TRIP--1ST HIGH-LEVEL US-PRC CONTACT SINCE FAILURE US-

SOV PROGRESS ON SALT--RAISED POSSIBILITY ADMIN EXPLORING

POSSIBILITY USING TRIANGULAR DIPLOMACY ENCOURAGE SOVS BE MORE FORTHCOMING. NOTES DOS SPOKESMAN 4/11 TREATED VANCE-HUANG SESSION AS "NORMAL PRACTICE OF THIS SORT."

EARLIER MONDAY, GWERTZMAN NOTES, VANCE MET WITH HEWITT/PHILLIPS OF NCUSCT. PHILLIPS SAID VANCE "WARMLY SUPPORTIVE"/"VERY POSITIVE" OF COUNCIL EFFORTS FACILITATE US-PRC UNCLASSIFIED

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TRADE. SAYS TOLD VANCE TRADE "BOTTOMED OUT"/SINCE CARTER INAUGURATION PRC HAS SHOWN UNEXPECTED INTEREST RECEIVING SPECIALIZED US TRADE MISSIONS. GWERTZMAN SAYS CARTER ADMIN NOT YET DECIDED HOW/WHEN NORMALIZE TIES WITH PEKING, BUT NOTES OS SAID DOES SEEK NORMALIZATION IN KEEPING WITH PRINCIPLES SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. WP/SUN CARRY SIMILAR/BRIEFER AP REPORT ON VANCE-HUANG MEETING, ADD THAT SOURCES SAY VANCE PLANS NOV VISIT TO PEKING. ADMIN REVIEWING US-CHINA POLICY AND SOME DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHETHER US SHOULD MOVE AHEAD WITH NORMALIZATION OR STAY WITH CURRENT POLICY OF LIMITED ACCOMMODATION.

WP'S DON OBERDORFER CITES VANCE-HUANG AND VANCE-PHILLIPS MTGS AND REPORTED NIXON'S '72 STATEMENT RE NORMALIZATION US-RPC RELS IF RE-ELECTED. SAYS OFFICIALS WITH ACCESS TO MEMORANDA DESCRIBE STATEMENTS AS EXPRESSIONS OF INTENTION/NOT BINDING AGREEMENTS. CITES DOS SPOKESMAN 4/11 REITERATED VANCE STAND THAT NO "SECRET AGREEMENTS" BETW US/PRC FOUND IN REVIEW NIXON ADMIN DOCUMENTS.

ACCORDING WP'S MATHEWS (HK) "PD" EDIT SAYS COUNTRY RECOVERING FROM ECON DIFFICULTIES AND "NEW LEAP FORWARD TAKING SHAPE." HUA HAS URGED PEOPLE DEVOTE NEXT 3 YRS TO 8 PT PLAN STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP/ECON/PLA BUT ATTITUDE MORE CAUTIOUS TOWARD ECON THAN MAO'S "GREAT LEAP" OF '50S. SAYS "PD" EDIT SHED LITTLE LIGHT ON KEY ISSUES OF ECON/REHABILITATION TENG, BUT SEEMED DESIGNED APPLAUD/REAFFIRM HUA LEADERSHIP, LAY OUT HIS PROGRAM.

HENRY TAYLOR (BALT NA 4/11) WRITES OF POPULATION BOOM, SAYS WORLD BEING DROWNED BY NIAGARA OF NEW BABIES. PRC MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY WITH ESTIMATED 800 MILLION, THOUGH ONLY 1/3 SIZE SOV, POP DENSITY ABOUT 9 TO 1. BY YR 2000, 1/2 WORLD'S POP WILL BE CHINESE. TAYLOR CONCLUDES POP PROBLEM NOT DUE TO LACK OF SPACE BUT FACT WE DON'T USE SPACE AS WE MUST. UNCLASSIFIED

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MONDAY SEN GOLDWATER, IN TAIWAN, CRITICIZED PRES, WHO HAS

SPOKEN OUT ON HUMAN RTS, FOR SENDING SON TO "PART OF THIS WORLD WHERE THOSE RIGHTS HAVE NOT EXISTED FOR YRS." GOLD-WATER TOLD GROUP TAMKANG COLLEGE STUDENTS, IF PRES, HE'D INSTRUCT SON STOP IN TAIWAN ENROUTE DC AND SEE "DIFFERENCE BETW YOUR FREEDOM AND THEIR DOMINATED LIVES " (REUTER TAIPEI; RUTER PEKING, WP; NYT).

9. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

MORTIZ (CSM HK) LOOKS OVER CURRENT LAOS-THAILAND BORDER FRICTION BASED ON SUSPICION BY EACH SIDE THAT OTHER ACTIVELY SUPPORTS GUERRILLA INSURGENTS WHO WANT BRING DOWN ITS GOVT. SAYS CONTROVERSY OVER MEKONG ISLAND UNDERSCORES LOW POINT TO WHICH THAI-LAO RELS HAVE SUNK. QUOTES THAI ANALYST THAT HARD LAOTIAN LINE REFLECTS HANOI PRESSURE HAVE ALLY DO "DIRTY WORK," THO SOME INDEPENDENT ANALYSTS EXPLAIN HARD LINE ON GROUNDS LAOTIAN OFFICIALS IN-EXPERIENCED IN DIPLOMACY/PROVINCIAL IN THINKING.

BEECHER (GLOBE 4/10) RECOUNTS CAREER ELLSWORTH BUNKER, INCL SERVICE AS AMB TO VN. QUOTES BUNKER'S LAMENT LIMITED WAR OBJECTIVES/TRADINESS IN TRAINING SVIETS/ANTIWAR SENTIMENTS MANY REPORTERS. AMB ALSO SAYS THIEU'S BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS NOT CALLING ELECTION AFTER SIGNING C-F; WOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE LEGITIMACY IN EYES US PEOPLE/MIGHT HAVE ENGENDERED MORE SUPPORT WHEN NVIETS VIOLATED ACCORDS BY INVADING. BEECHER MENTIONS BUNKER SUPPORTS CURRENT EFFORTS NORMALIZE RELS W/HANOI, BUT TOTALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO HANOI INSISTENCE US MAKE GOOD ON ECON AID--SINCE NVIETS VIOLATED MOST OF PROMISES IN PACT.

AMORA (CSM BANGKOK) DISCUSSES FOREST PROBLEMS. COSTLY TEAK INVITES POACHING; FORESTS MAY DISAPPEAR BY 1990 UNLESS PLUNDERING STOPS.
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10. ANP

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) OBSERVES PHILS/MALAYSIA/ASEAN/OTHER ASIANS UPSET BY RELATIVELY HIGH AUSSIE TARIFFS, THEIR UNFAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE WITH AUSTRALIA. POINTS OUT GOP RESPONDS BY APPLYING SELECTIVE CUTS ON AUSSIE IMPORTS. NOTES FRASER'S GOVT HAS SET UP INTERDEPARTMENTAL CMTE TO CONSIDER WAYS IMPROVE TRADE RELS WITH ASEAN STATES--BUT THESE CMTEs IN PAST HAVE EARNED REPUTATION OF GRAVEYARDS FOR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, AND THIS ONE SEEMS UNLIKELY PROVE STRIKING EXCEPTION.

VICKERS (SYDNEY CSM) OBSERVES MANY AUSSIE FIRMS SETTING UP SHOP IN ASIA TO OFFSET HIGH LABOR COSTS/INDUSTRIAL DIS-PUTES AT HOME. SAYS THIS TREND IS ADDING TO AUSSIE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES, WHERE JOBLESS RATE RUNNING AT 5.7 PCT.

NYT'S WILFORD (ENEWETAK) VISITS "GROUND ZERO" OF H-BOMBED ISLES; FINDS NATURAL INNOCENCE AMID MAN-MADE RUIN.

LAT'S DONNER (4/10) VISITS PALAU; SAYS ISLANDS FULFILL REAL IMAGES WORDS "SOUTH PACIFIC" CONJURE; DESCRIBES ART OF WOODCARVERS.

11. JAPAN

SUN'S TREWHITT (4/10) BLASTS WASHINGTON RHETORIC ON NUKE POLICY. SAYS PRES' STANCE RE REPROCESSING ISSUE HAS "CHALLENGED" US' CLOSEST ALLIES "TO SCRAP FUNDAMENTAL POLICIES." MENTIONS JAPAN SPECIFICALLY, STATES SAFEGUARDS US DEMANDING COSTLY FOR JAPAN. ADDS DECISIONS WHICH MUST FLOW FROM DEBATE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN, "GIVEN ITS PUBLICLY UNSPOKEN DOUBTS ABOUT AMERICAN STRATEGIC PROTECTION FOR THE LONG RUN." ADDS DESPITE REASSURANCES, JAPAN WONDERS ABOUT CARTER'S INTENTION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHDRAW US GROU TROOPS SK. QUOTES EA SPECIALIST WHO ASKS WHETHER US-JAPAN RELS CAN HOLD UP UNDER "SUCH MULTIPLE, COMPLEX CHALLENGES." OFFERS NO ANSWERS, BUT ONLY QUESTION, "ARE WE OVERLOADING THE CIRCUITS?"

INFORMAL POLL AMONG DELEGATES ATTENDING IRAN CONF ON TRANSFER NUKE TECHNOLOGY SHOWS CARTER'S NUKE CONTROLS POLICY HAS ISOLATED US FROM ATOMIC ALLIES/COULD THREATEN NPT. ERDA OFFICIAL THORNE SAYS US POLICY "SOMEWHAT ISOLATED" US FROM POLICIES/BELIEFS OF JAPANESE/W EUR NUKE ADMINS WHO BELIEVE IN MORE SHARING ATOMIC KNOW-HOW W/DEVELOPING NATIONS (CHITRIB).

FROM HIROSHIMA, PEIRCE (LAT 4/10) REPORTS ON JAPANESE CITIZEN GROUPS' GROWING DEMANDS FOR SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED POWER FOR LOCAL GOVTS IN ORDER REFOCUS NATION'S OVERHEATED ECON GROWTH POLICIES/COPE W/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, DEMANDS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE REFORMS. STATES CENTRAL GOVT HAS MUCH TO HANDLE/CANNOT COPE FULLY W/SUCH PROBLEMS. CONCLUDES "GRASS-ROOTS CITIZEN"/LOCAL AUTONOMY EFFORTS "MAY BE INDISPENSABLE TO JAPAN'S FUTURE."

REUTER (TOKYO) DISCUSSES TREND AMONG JAPAN'S AUTO MFRS EXPAND FON ASSEMBLY/MFG LINKS. MENTIONS TOYOTA/NISSAN/MIT-SUBISHI PLAN SPEND SOME 40 MIL DOLS EACH IN JOINT VENTURES W/AUSTRALIA. OTHER JAPANESE VENTURES INCLUDE THOSE IN US/SAUDI ARABIA/NETHERLANDS/POSSIBLY FRG (CSM).

FROM TOKYO, KIRK (GLOBE 4/10) DOES ITEM ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN JAPAN. VISITING US SCHOLAR ON TOKYO UNIV FACULTY STUDYING SUBJECT ASSERTS DESPITE STATISTICALLY

LOW CRIME RATE, ORGANIZED CRIME "FLOURISHING" IN JAPAN TO EXTENT "UNEQUALED IN ANY OTHER MODERN NATION." COUNTRY'S GANSTERS NOT IN HIDING/FEEL THEY PROTECT CITIZENS JUST AS POLICE PROTECT THEM.

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IN SEOUL, SNOW (GLOBE 4/10) REMARKS ON SK'S ECONOMIC BOOM/COMPARES ITS "TAKEOFF STAGE" TO JAPAN 15 YRS AGO, BUT STATES CARTER'S DECISION WITHDRAW US GROUND TROOPS COULD DRASTICALLY ALTER SITUATION. CITES WORRY/PERPLEXITY AMONG MOST SKOREANS OVER MOVE. QUOTES EWS WOMEN'S UNIV PROF'S HAPPINESS US WON'T "PROP UP" PARK REGIME ANY LONGER, BUT AT SAME TIME, THOSE OF "ACADEMIC-ACTIVIST BENT" KNOW THAT PULLOUT MEANS LESSENING US LEVERAGE W/RESULT THAT WESTERN-ORIENTED/ANTI-PARK ELEMENTS STAND SUFFER.

STATES AMEMB OFFICIALS "HARD PRESSED" EXPLAIN CARTER FORMULA/ASSURE SKOREANS US ISN'T PREPARING ABANDON PENINSULA ALTOGETHER. SK OFFICIALS/BUSINESSMEN SEE US LIFTING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO NK/FIRM STANCE AGAINST FRENCH-BUILT NUKE REPROCESSING FACILITY /200-MI FISHING LIMIT/SHOE-IMPORT POLICY AS EVIDENCE DELIBERATE PATTERN DETACHMENT FROM AREA. SAYS DUE "PAST HISTORY," SK "MORE THAN SKEPTICAL" ABOUT JAPAN PLAYING LARGER POL ROLE IN REGION/REGARD ANY SERIOUS STEPS TOWARD RECONCILIATION W/NK AS LONG WAY OFF.

LAT'S JACKSON (4/10) STATES FEDS INVESTIGATING KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL "FRUSTRATED A LOT THESE DAYS," BUT FINDS HOPE IN HOUSE ETHICS CMTE PROBE JUST GETTING UNDER WAY. ALSO CITES FRASER CMTE INQUIRY INTO WIDE RANGE "QUESTIONABLE KOREAN ACTIVITIES." SAYS INDICATIONS SHOW DOJ FOCUSING ON EX-REPS HANNA (CALIF)/GALLAGHER (NJ) WHO WERE CLOSE TO TONGSUN PARK. FINALLY, JACKSON DISCUSSES PARALLEL SEC INVESTIGATION WHICH ENCOUNTERED DELAYS/RESISTANCE IN SEARCH TRACE FLOW 1 MIL DOLS IN COMMISSIONS PAID 2 SKOREAN CONSULTANTS IN LA. SEC SUSPECTS MONEY MAY HAVE EVENTUALLY WOUND UP ON CAPITOL HILL.

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13. PHILIPPINES

MORITZ (CSM HK) STATES 4/17 REFERENDUM RE AUTONOMY 13 S PROVS COULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT CIVIL WAR WILL RETURN. OBSERVERS BELIEVE RESULTS WILL NOT FAVOR MUSLIMS, SINCE CHRISTIAN MAJORITY UNLIKELY SUPPORT

QUESTIONS THAT WOULD GIVE MUSLIMS MOST POWER IN AREA.
SUCH OPPOSITION MEANS VOTE LIKELY GIVE MARCOS MANDATE
SHAPE AUTONOMOUS REGION AS HE WISHES, WHICH LIKELY
BE IN DIRECTION "FAR DIFFERENT" THAN WHAT MUSLIMS DESIRE.

14. NUCLEAR POLICY

LAT (4/11) CALLS PRES' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT US HALTING EFFORTS
DEVELOP PLUTONIUM AS NUKE FUEL "IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE
STEP." GILLETTE (LAT 4/11) DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON HISTORY
PLUTONIUM TECHNOLOGY. DESCRIBES PROBLEMS, NOTES
ECONOMICS KEEPS BREEDER-REACTOR CONCEPT ALIVE.

15. GENERAL

WILLIAMS (WP 4/11) NOTES INVOLVEMENT HILL IN FONAFFAIRS
GETS SYMBOLIC BOOST AS ADMIN SENDS EA'S HOLBROOKE ON
CODEL TRIP TO TOKYO/SEOUL/JAKARTA/BANGKOK/MANILA.

GLOBE (4/9) LOOKS OVER SELECTION 10 AMBS BY ADMIN, INCL
EX-SEN MANSFIELD TO JAPAN/ALSTON TO AUSTRALIA. SAYS
MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF APPOINTMENTS IS MANNER OF
SELECTION PANEL, W/PRES MAKING FINAL CHOICE.

UPI DESCRIBES COMMUNIST ROLE IN ASIAN DRUG TRAFFIC. SAYS
LAOS COVERTLY GATHERED 30 TONS OPIUM IN FORMER USAID
WAREHOUSES, W/SOME APPARENTLY SOLD TO INTL DRUG RINGS;
BURMESE CP AGENTS GROW POPPIES/REFINE HEROIN/PROVIDE
GUARDS FOR DRUG CONVOYS; PRC RECENTLY AGREED PROVIDE
CITIZENSHIP FOR AT LEAST 3 CHINESE-THAI DRUG DEALERS ON
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INTERPOL "MOST WANTED" LIST; NK AMB TO VIENTIANE THOUGHT
TO HAVE GATHERED DRUGS FROM "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" FOR OWN
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

CHIS-T (4/2) AGREES PRES HAS THORNY PROBLEM ON TARIFF
ISSUES. POINTS OUT IN LONG RUN QUOTAS THAT HAMPER FREE
TRADE COST JOBS. NOTES POLICY BEING SOUGHT TO PROTECT
AGAINST MOST SEVERE THREATS FROM ABROAD WHILE ENCOURAGING
FREE TRADE; STATES GOAL IS WISE ONE.
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